

Poison Rum Raid On Huge Scale To Check Deaths

Red Hook Section One Vast
Distillery, Declares Dis-
trict Attorney, Who Will
Direct General Round-Up

Fatalities Now Eleven

Alcohol Sold for Toilet Pur-
poses Believed To Be the
Base of Deadly Whisky

A raid on poison rum distillers and vendors, to involve simultaneous invasion of all premises under police supervision in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn, is planned by District Attorney Ruston, following examination yesterday of twenty-two men and women alleged to be connected with the traffic. Two additional deaths from wood alcohol poisoning brought the total fatalities since Monday to eleven.

According to information obtained last night, the police search will be carried out under Captain Connors, of the Hamilton Avenue station, who with Assistant District Attorney Marshall Snyder and Reuben Wilson directed a raid early yesterday morning on an apartment house occupied by Mrs. Margaret Polazolo, of 143 Conover Street. The woman was questioned two hours and is held on suspicion of homicide. Fifty quarts of bootleg liquor are said to have been seized in the apartment. "All I can say about the police plan is that I hope it will prove sufficiently comprehensive," said Mr. Ruston last night. "The condition is one that demands extraordinary measures. The whole Red Hook section is a distillery. There are scores of flats and cellars where poisonous stuff is being manufactured. Single raids merely give forewarning to hundreds of still operators who shut up shop and disappear. This difficulty has to be overcome. We are trying to overcome it. That is all I am able to say for the present."

More Poison Cases Reported
The police have notified all physicians practicing in the Red Hook district and vicinity to report all cases of poisoning, even remotely indicating wood alcohol symptoms. Already several additional cases have been reported and the patients are being questioned.

Dr. Ernest Vaughan, official examining physician of the District Attorney's office, discussing wood alcohol deaths said simple remedies applied in time might have saved the lives of all victims. "The first symptoms of poisoning after drinking bootleg liquor," said Dr. Vaughan, "should be met by swallowing copious draughts of water—hot by preference, cold if necessary. The wood alcohol sufferer should stay right by a water faucet and drink water as fast as he can absorb it. The more water he swallows the better his chance of survival. The more he can dilute the poison the less deadly it will be. When the stomach becomes overburdened with water and vomiting ensues the process must be repeated. Two or three quarts of water absorbed in this way will save a life if it is swallowed soon enough after the poisoning symptoms appear. The water cure is effective if taken in time. After nerve centers have been attacked, causing impairment of vision and sometimes total blindness, there is little hope for the sufferer."

Two Die in Convulsions
The two who died yesterday were Martin Connolly, a compositor, of 80 Deyman Street, Brooklyn, and Thomas Padden, his brother-in-law, of the same address. The men were seized with convulsions. Connolly died at 1 a. m. and Padden two hours later. The deaths were followed by an early morning descent on the Polazolo apartment information concerning which is said to have been obtained by the police from Padden an hour before his death. Mrs. Polazolo explained to Captain Connors, who led the raiders, that her husband had locked her in the flat after instructing her to admit nobody. The police found double padlocks on the doors. The woman is said to have confessed under questioning that her husband had been engaged in concocting and bootlegging whisky. Following her arrest Mrs. Polazolo is said to have withdrawn statements made by her in the apartment. A large demi-john found in the house bore a label of the Long Island College Hospital.

A new victim, Anthony De Janaro, of 340 Van Brunt Street, who was removed to the Kings County Hospital soon after noon yesterday suffering from alcoholic convulsions, was said last night to be on the verge of death. Dr. McCaffrey, in charge of the case, said De Janaro's chance of recovery was one in a hundred. When found the man was in a semi-conscious state but later he experienced several lucid intervals. Information of value to the police is said to have been obtained from him.

Now Seeking Polazolo
Evidence available so far will be submitted by District Attorney Ruston on Saturday to the grand jury. Indictments, if any are found, will be presented to Judge Martin on Saturday. An effort will be made to open trials

Chicago Congressman Accused in Liquor Plot

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
CHICAGO, Sept. 7.—Further ramifications of the liquor ring were exposed to-day when checks were produced by those who paid them for protection in illegal liquor traffic. These checks were made out, it is said, to a Chicago Congressman and were cashed by him. He received, it is charged, \$1,000 for every ten barrels of illegal booze the ring disposed of. In the light of this disclosure the prohibition agents will probably ask a Congressional inquiry, with possible impeachment of the Congressman, whose name is withheld for the present.

In two cases next Monday or Tuesday. Important aspects of the prosecutions are said to turn on the capture of Antonio Polazolo, husband of the woman under arrest, who has been sought since the raid. According to the woman's story, Polazolo works on the waterfront and left the apartment at 5 a. m. Under questioning the woman prisoner said her name was Burns, but explained that this had been her maiden name.

Michael Brocco, 11 Cole Street, taken to Long Island College Hospital early yesterday, is in a critical state. He was at first believed to have been the victim of an assault, but a still in his apartment proved him to be a wood alcohol sufferer. Brocco is partially blind and his condition is said to have become progressively worse since his admission to the hospital.

The home of Mrs. Margaret Barnes, 145 Conover Street, was raided early yesterday by detectives, acting under instructions from Mr. Ruston's office. A quantity of liquor was seized. Mrs. Barnes was arrested on information obtained from the families of Connolly and Padden.

Antonio Polazolo, a roomer in the Barnes house, escaped and is being sought by the police. A general alarm was sent out for him last night. Mrs. Barnes was not booked. She protested innocence of any connection with bootleggers and threatened action for false arrest. Another raid was made on premises occupied by Salvatore Sarace at 127 Dikeman Street. A five gallon still in operation was confiscated. Sarace told Captain Connors he rented the place to a man named Olson and had no connection with it. He was unable to give information with regard to Olson's whereabouts and was detained for questioning.

Evidence is said to have been found in the course of the police investigation that two popular toilet preparations are being used by bootleggers as a base of liquor sold in large quantity among Red Hook consumers. Dangerous ingredients contained in these preparations are said to be acetone and isopropyl alcohol. The former, physicians say, lacerates the lining of the stomach and the latter causes nerve paralysis, blindness being one of the first manifestations. These ingredients are declared to be contained in ethyl alcohol in compounds for toilet use which are easily obtained without a permit. Liquor peddlers are said to add coloring matter and after rebottling. Analysis has shown it was said last night, that the liquid is deadly poison and cannot be rendered harmless by redistilling.

**Police Capture Yacht
And Big Liquor Cargo**
Taken as a prize of war, the yacht Glendover, with a cargo of nearly 800 cases of Haig & Haig, Black and White and Johnny Dewar, would have made rich men of her captors, police-men William Gross and Charles Toombs. As a seized carrier of contraband liquor her captors probably will learn that they have earned a kind word or two from their superiors in the Police Department.

There was a thick mist on the Sound yesterday and the two harbor policemen, cruising about in Police Launch No. 1, were lucky to catch a glimpse of the yacht moving furtively off Fort Schuyler. The outline of their own boat was hidden from those on the yacht by the gray blanket of fog and so they managed unseen to follow the larger craft down the East River.

Off 134th Street the two policemen decided that no millionaire seeking cool breezes and attractive scenery would be hovering in that neighborhood, and so, scooting up to the yacht's ladder, they shouted: "Coming aboard, Police Department!" and scrambled on to the polished deck of the Glendover.

It was a stranger ship than any these two harbor men hunters had ever encountered before. Apparently there

was no skipper, no mate and no owner. The five men aboard described themselves as Michael Anderson, thirty-three, of the Pioneer Street, Brooklyn, a seaman; Sven Peterson, thirty-eight, of 328 Fortieth Street, Brooklyn, a cook; Andrew Saybrook, twenty-eight, of 25 South Street, an engineer; Julius Rijsdard, thirty-eight, of 27 South Street, a seaman; and William Anderson, thirty-three, of 1011 Park Avenue, a seaman. Not a man among them, as far as the police could learn had authority to break open a can of baked beans.

Somehow, though, this crew managed to obey the two policemen when commanded to make for Pier A, headquarters of the Harbor police, and there the hundreds of cases of whisky, most of the boxes stamped "Canada," were taken ashore and piled up to the ceiling of the station house. The five prisoners were taken before Magistrate Bernard J. Douras in Morrisania Court. They refused to plead, explaining they wished to consult counsel, and were held in \$1,000 bail each for examination next Wednesday on the charge of transporting liquor without a permit.

The yacht Glendover, according to the Harbor police, would cost \$50,000 to build. Two watchmen and a motor truck chauffeur were arrested yesterday following police investigation of the theft of \$50,000 worth of whisky from the Republic Warehouse, 541 West Thirty-fourth Street. The prisoners are charged with aiding and abetting in the robbery, which occurred Wednesday morning. Twenty-seven barrels of rye and twenty-seven cases of Scotch whisky were taken.

The prisoners are Joseph de Salva, forty-five years old, of 40 Leroy Street; Edward Kruger, fifty-six, of 23 West Twenty-first Street; Jacob Ranzman, twenty-eight, of 308 West 101st Street. De Salva has been employed at the warehouse as a watchman for a year and a half. Kruger has had a similar job for four days. Ranzman is a chauffeur for a commission merchant named Edelstein, who has a stand in the Harlem market. All three were arrested by Detectives Porter, Anderson and Sullivan, of the West Thirtieth Street station.

Imperial Wizard's Quart Flask Basis of Warrant

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 7.—A writ for the arrest of Edward Y. Clarke, Imperial Wizard pro tem of the Ku-Klux Klan, was ordered this afternoon by Federal Judge Francis E. Baker on information furnished by District Attorney Homer Elliott. The information charges Clarke, whose home is in Atlanta, with possession and transportation of liquor.

It is charged in the information that the Imperial Wizard addressed a meeting at Muncie, Ind., last night, on "law enforcement," during which it was reported to the police that a hand bag had been stolen from Mr. Clarke's automobile. It is declared, however, that the bag fell from the automobile and burst open, revealing a quart bottle of liquor and \$500 in currency. The evidence, it is declared, has been placed in charge of the prohibition officers.

Judge Baker fixed Mr. Clarke's bond at \$2,000. He has not yet been arrested.

Mother Escorts Son, 19, To Police for Scolding

George Gessler, nineteen years old, of 973 Washington Avenue, the Bronx, was taken to the Morrisania police station last night to get a "brotherly third degree" from Mrs. Gessler told Detective George McGann that the boy trained with bad associates and was constantly getting into trouble.

"I think if you will give him a good lecture he may mend his ways," she said. "I've done all I can and he pays no attention to me."

After talking to George, the detective searched him and found a gold watch in the right leg of his trousers. The youth admitted that he had stolen the watch from Mrs. Dora Goldman, of 1176 Jackson Avenue, the Bronx, the detective declared.

Mrs. Goldman, called to the station, was reluctant to lodge a complaint against Gessler, but when told that he had defied all parental discipline, she consented. The young man was locked up on the charge of larceny.

Peddler Expose Brings Threat To Tribune Man

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Maurice, was the same as Moses, which Mr. Racusin denied. The Commissioner then launched into an attack on The Tribune, its owners and its policies, and added: "But what I called you here for is this: You have written a lot about the investigations that you made in the various open-air markets. If you have any facts I am willing to take them from you. If there is anything wrong in any of these markets we want to know it."

"If you will just ask me, Commissioner, exactly what you want to know, I can tell you. The money are supposed to have rights. I know of specific cases where supervisors collected money from peddlers who have no permits over a long period."

Gives Name of Supervisor
"Give us these specific cases," the Commissioner requested. "I must decline to mention the names of the peddlers," the witness replied. "The information was given me on the understanding that their names be kept confidential for obvious reasons."

"You are here as a witness in a legal investigation," the Commissioner broke in, "within the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Accounts, and as it would be in the Supreme Court, that an answer to my question would tend to degrade or incriminate you."

"I will have to decline to give the name of my information."

"You say that you know of specific instances where supervisors of open

air markets have collected money from men who had no permits?"

"Yes." "What did they do with that money, the supervisors?" "I haven't the least idea." "What market was that in—that you know of?" "The Orchard Street market." "Do you know that of your own knowledge or were you told by some one?" "I know it of my own knowledge."

"Louis Friedman." "How did you gain the knowledge?" "I spoke to the man who paid the money."

"Did you see that man pay the money?" "No."

Contempt Action Threatened
"Who is the man that you spoke to and who told you that he paid the money and didn't have a permit?" "I must decline to give his name because the information was given to me in confidence."

"Is that the only reason?" "That is the only reason."

"Would the answer to this question in any way degrade or incriminate you?" "I don't think so."

"Then I direct you to answer my question." "I must decline. It would affect my professional standing if I disclosed the name."

"So that the information that you have, you have from people that you claim told you and whose names you decline to reveal; is that right?" "I think that is all. Of course, I will certify the matter to the Supreme Court, if I can, and I have no doubt I can have you adjudged in contempt for refusing to answer a question without having a legal excuse for it."

Vendors Say They're Satisfied
Mr. Schwab was then called to the stand and said that as president of the Peddlers' Federation he represented delegations from all the markets of the city and that the vendors were perfectly satisfied with the present system.

Edward Kassler, another peddler, said conditions were better to-day than they ever were, and other vendors went on in the same strain. It was evident that only those of the vendors who were happy with the present state of affairs for one reason or another were asked to the hearing.

In Kings County the grand jury resumed its inquiry into the pushcart markets of Brooklyn. Sessions will be held to-day, Monday and Tuesday, when an adjournment will be taken to permit the District Attorney's office to investigate certain vital information that has been placed in its hands.

District Attorney Ruston announced

that he had subpoenaed Nathan Finkelstein, president of the Brooklyn peddlers' organization, to appear before the grand jury to-day in reply to charges made by a witness before Commissioner Hirschfeld that Finkelstein had exacted thousands of dollars from peddlers which this witness said found its way into the pockets of the police. Finkelstein has said that this was all a "tissue of lies" inspired to discredit him for his activities in behalf of the oppressed pushcart men of Brooklyn.

Commissioner Hirschfeld also sent a questioning him to appear before his letter to Finkelstein last night re next Monday morning at 10 o'clock.



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